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SUBJ: WEST BANK REACTION TO KING HUSSEIN'S AMNESTY FOR
PALESTINIAN GUERRILLAS

1. ACCORDING TO ARTICLE BY ARAB AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT ANAN SAFADI IN SEPTEMBER 20 JERUSALEM POST, KING HUSSEIN'S AMNESTY WAS WIDELY WELCOMED ON WEST BANK. POST REPORTED THAT SEVERAL WEST BANK FAMILIES DEPARTED FRO AMMAN TO VISIT RELATIVES RELEASED UNDER AMNESTY INCLUDING FAMILY OF FATAH LEADER ABU DAUD. ALSO REPORTED WERE STATEMENTS BY NUMBER OF WEST BANK DIGNITARIES PRAISING AMNESTY AS MOVE THAT WOULD CONSOLIDATE NATIONAL UNITY BETWEEN PEOPLE OF WEST AND EAST BANKS.

2. CONVERSATION BY CONGENOFF WITH EDITOR OF EL QUDS, LOCAL ARABIC DAILY, REVEALED SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT WEST BANK REACTION. EDITOR ABU ZALAF MADE POINT THAT THOSE WHO SUPPORT KING AND RELATIVES OF PRISONERS WELCOMED AMNESTY. NOT ALL WEST BANKERS REACTED WITH GRATITUDE TOWARD KING HOWEVER. ACCORDING TO ABU ZALAF SOME CITIZENS OF NABLUS OBJECTED TO BEING INCLUDED, BY REFERENCE, IN STATEMENT BY MAYOR MASRI PRAISING AMNESTY.

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3. COMMENT: WEST BANK REACTION BOUND TO BE SOMEWHAT COMPLEX.

AS PALESTINIANS, THEY NO DOUBT GLAD TO HAVE FELLOW PALESTINIANS
OUT OF HASHEMITE JAILS. FOR MAJORITY WHO HAVE LITTLE LIKING
FOR AMMAN, HOWEVER, THIS DOES NOT TRANSLATE INTO PRAISE OR
GRATITUDE. KING'S IMAGE MAY HAVE BEEN SOMEWHAT IMPROVED AMONG
THESE PEOPLE, BUT ONLY SLIGHTLY AT BEST.
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